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The Honorable Jocelyn Boyd
Chief Clerk of the Commission
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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RE: Petition of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory Staff for the Commission to
Order a Rule to Show Cause as to Why the Certificates of Public Convenience
and Necessity for Certain Providers of Telecommunications Services Should Not
Be Revoked
Docket No. 2018-148-C

Dear Ms. Boyd:

Enclosed for filing in the above-captioned matter is the Answer of AT&T Long Distance.

We are serving a copy of this filing on all parties of record per the enclosed Certificate of Service.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Patrick W. Turner

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Enclosure

cc: C. Lessie Hammonds (via email lhammon@regstaff.sc.gov)
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**BEFORE THE
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA**

In Re:

Petition of the South Carolina Office of Regulatory)	
Staff for the Commission to Order a Rule to Show)	
Cause as to Why the Certificates of Public)	DOCKET NO. 2018-148-C
Convenience and Necessity for Certain Providers)	
of Telecommunications Services Should Not Be)	
Revoked)	

ANSWER OF AT&T LONG DISTANCE

In compliance with the Notice the Commission issued in this Docket on May 7, 2018, AT&T Long Distance¹ respectfully submits its Answer to the Petition filed by the Office of Regulatory Staff ("ORS").

1. AT&T Long Distance denies any and all allegations that it has not paid Gross Receipts Fees assessed pursuant to S.C. Code Ann. §§ 58-3-100, 58-3-520, and/or 58-4-60.² Without waiving the foregoing, AT&T Long Distance has worked, and continues to work, in good faith with the South Carolina Department of Revenue to address any and all payment concerns alleged in the Petition, and AT&T Long Distance anticipates resolving all such concerns to the satisfaction of the Department of Revenue and the ORS prior to the June 27, 2018 deadline for the filing of the ORS's testimony in this docket.

2. To the extent that any of the allegations in the Petition that are directed to AT&T Long Distance are inconsistent with Paragraph 1 of this Answer, they are denied.

¹ SBC Long Distance, LLC d/b/a AT&T Long Distance
² See Petition at ¶9; Exhibit A at page 5 of 6.

3. AT&T Long Distance denies that any of the relief sought against it in paragraphs 4 through 7 of the WHEREFORE clause of the Petition should be granted.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of June, 2018.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

The undersigned, Susan M. Hodge, hereby certifies that she is employed by the Legal Department for AT&T South Carolina and that she has caused Answer of AT&T Long Distance to be served by the method indicated below upon the following this 6th day of June, 2018:

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